With development of much needed infrastructure, tourist arrivals in the State have increased by 6.1% 10.2% for domestic and foreign tourists respectively, in the year 2004 compared to the previous year *i.e.* 2003.

Development of villages for tourist spots

1700. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some villages in the country and made them tourist destinations, thereby benefiting villagers socially and financially;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some villages have been identified for their development into tourist spots;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount likely to be spent for development of each such village; and

(f) by when the work on the project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (f) Yes, sir. The creation of infrastructure in Rural areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing scheme of Destination Development. The objective is to showcase rural life, art, culture and heritage at rural locations and in villages, which have core-competency in terms of craft/handloom/textiles etc.

Under the scheme funds are sanctioned and released based on the proposals received from the State/UT Governments for infrastructure development at Rural sites. Based on proposals received from State Governments during the Tenth Five Year Plan the details of Central Financial Assistance extended for development of each such villages is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

State-wise Rural Tourism Scheme/Projects Sanctioned during Tenth Plan (upto 30th June 2005)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Development of Pochampalli, Nalgonda District	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		2. Rural Tourism at Konaseema Village, East Godavari District	2003-04	50.00	50.00
		3. Development of Puttaparthi, Ananthpur District	2004-05	49.50	39.60
		4. Development of Chinchinada, East Godavari District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
		5. Development of Srikalahasti, Chittor District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
2.	Assam	6. Development of Rural Tourism at Durgapur, District Golaghat	2002-03	46.83	14.04
		7. Dehing-Patakai Kshetra, District Tinsukia	2004-05	44.33	35.46
		8. Rural Tourism at Sualkuchi in Kamrup District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
3.	Bihar	9. Rural Tourism Project, Nepura Village, District Nalanda	2003-04	50.00	40.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	10. Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chitrakote, District Bastar	2003-04	50.00	15.00
		11. Development of Rural tourism at Chitrakote Village, District Bastar	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		12. Development of Rural tourism at Champaran, District Raipur	2003-04	50.00	15.00
		13. Rural Tourism at Nagarnar, District Bastar	2003-04	48.00	38.40
		14. Development of Kondagaon, District Bastar	2005-06	50.00	40.00

Sl. No.	State		Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
5.	Delhi	15.	Rural Tourism at Kotla Mubarakpur	2003-04	09.78	09.78
		16.	Rural Tourism at Nangli, Razapur, Delhi	2003-04	36.30	36.30
6.	Gujarat	17.	Development of heritage village at Tera	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		18.	Rural Tourism at Hodka, District Kachchh	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		19.	Development of Navagaon and Malegaon rural tourism, District Rajkot	2003-04	92.70	27.81
7.	Haryana	20.	Rural Tourism at Jyotisar, District Kurukshetra	2003-04	50.00	40.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	21.	Rural Tourism at Nagar, District Kullu	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		22.	Rural Tourism Paragpur, District Kangra Valley	2003-04	50.00	15.00
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	23.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Drung, District Baramula	2005-06	50.00	40.00
		24.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Surinsar, District Jammu	2005-06	50.00	40.00
		25.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Gagangir, District Srinagar	2005-06	50.00	40.00
10.	Karnataka	26.	Rural Tourism Project at Kokkare Bellur, District Bellur	2002-03	50.00	15.00
		27.	Development of Attiveri Bird Sanctuary as a rural tourism project, District Uttar Kannada	2003-04	60.00	18.00
		28.	Rural Tourism at Banvasi District, Uttar Kannada	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		29.	Rural Tourism project in Anegundi, District Bellary	2003-04	50.00	40.00

Sl. No.	State		Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
		30.	Rural Tourism Project in Coorg	2003-04	50.00	40.00
11.	Kerala	31.	Development of Kumbalangi as rural tourism Destination, District Ernakulam	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		32.	Development of rural tourism at Aranmula, District Pathanamthitta	2003-04	20.00	16.00
		33.	Development of Village Balrampur in Thiruvananthapuram District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	34.	Rural Tourism in Hatwa Village	2002-03	44.00	13.20
		35.	Rural Tourism at Chaugan, District Mandla	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		36.	Rural Tourism Project at Pranpur, District Ashoknagar	2003-04	48.00	38.00
13.	Maharashtra	37.	Rural Tourism at Sulibhanjan-Khultabad District Aurangabad	2003-04	50.00	40.00
14.	Nagaland	38.	Rural Tourism at Mopunchupket	2002-03	50.00	15.00
15.	Orissa	39.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur, District Puri	2002-03	50.00	40.00
		40.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
16.	Rajasthan	41.	Rural Tourism at Neemrana, District Alwar	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		42.	Rural Tourism Project, Samode Village, District Jaipur	2003-04	50.00	40.00
17.	Sikkim	43.	Development of Village Lachen in North District	2004-05	50.00	40.00
18.	Tamil Nadu	44.	Development of Kazhugumalai under rural tourism, District Thoothukudi	2003-04	48.66	38.94
		45.	Development of Theerthamalai, District Dharmapuri	2003-04	50.00	40.00

Sl. No.	State		Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
		46.	Rural Tourism at Karaikudi, Chettinadu, District Sivaganga	2003-04	50.00	40.00
		47.	Development of Devipattinam (Navbhashnam in Ramnathpuram District	2005-06	50.00	40.00
		48.	Thirukurungudi, District Tirunelveli	2005-06	50.00	40.00
19.	Tripura	49.	Rural Tourism at Kamlasagar, District West Tripura	2002-03	42.92	13.48
		50.	Rural Tourism at Champui Hills, District North Tripura	2003-04	50.00	15.00
20.	Uttaranchal	51.	Rural Tourism Project at Jageshwar, District Almora	2002-03	50.00	40.00
		52.	Rural Tourism Project in Agora Village (Dodital) Uttar Kashi District	2005-06	48.50	38.80
		53.	Development of Hub Village at Mottad and its satellite station	2005-06	48.05	38.44
21.	West Bengal	54.	Development of Rural Tourism Centre at Ballabhpur Danga, District Birbhum	2003-04	50.00	15.00
		55.	Development of Village Sonada, District Darjeeling	2004-05	50.00	40.00
					2687.57	1851.25